



City of Glendale Legislative Link Update February 21st, 2025



Today marks the 39th day of the legislative session, and we've already seen 1,802 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. This week kicked off with committee agendas packed with bills, so much so that some committees had to reconvene the next day to wrap things up. As expected, any bill that didn't get assigned or heard in committee this week is essentially dead—though there's always a chance it could be revived later in the session through a strike everything amendment. In fact, 80 strike everything amendments were proposed this week, with 39 successfully added to their target bills. Looking ahead, the next deadline is March 28th, when surviving bills need to clear their chamber and start the same process in the opposite one. With five weeks until this next anticipated deadline, activity at the Capitol is only going to pick up from here. In other news, the first bill to reach the governor's desk, HB2703: early voting; tabulation; ballot deadlines, was vetoed. As more bills make their way to the ninth floor, we'll keep tracking and reporting on which ones get signed into law and which ones don't.

Below are bills that, if signed into law, would impact your communities.

SB1013 photo enforcement systems; prohibition

SB1013 would prohibit the use of “photo enforcement systems” as defined as a device substantially consisting of a radar unit or sensor linked to a camera or other recording device that produces one or more photographs, microphotographs, videotapes or digital or other recorded images of a vehicle's license plate for the purpose of identifying violators of a city or town ordinance for excessive speed or failure to obey a traffic control device by law enforcement and local authorities to enforce traffic laws. The bill was heard in the Senate Public Safety Committee and passed 4-3. It was then debated during the Senate Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, the 18th. The bill is expected to be voted on next week.

SB1313 municipalities; counties; recycling; prohibition

SB1313 would prohibit any county or municipality from recommending or requiring a resident to place any product in a recycling bin if the product is not being “actively recycled” as defined as a product that is reprocessed into a new product as of the effective date of this legislation. The bill was heard in the Senate Government Committee and passed 4-3. It was then debated during the Senate Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, the 18th. The bill is expected to be voted on next week.

SB1540 personal property exemptions; vehicles

SB1540 would add mobile and motor homes to the list of vehicles and dwellings that can qualify as a Homestead. As part of the legislation, this bill also addresses divorced couples and how to manage Homestead Exemptions. It stipulates that a Homestead Exemption does not attach to a person's interest in identifiable cases then proceeds from refinancing the Homestead Property. It permits a party to rely on the valuation of the property in the final closing document disclosure used for a transaction to establish the estimate amount of equity in a Homestead property that is sold, or where the owner is receiving cash back from refinancing. The bill was heard in the Senate Finance Committee and passed 7-0 then was heard in both chamber's caucus. The bill is expected to be debated on the Senate floor next week.

SB1729 first time homebuyer assistance program

SB1729 would require the Arizona Finance Authority to administer a First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program and defines the recipients of those monies, sets limitations on permissible expenditures, establishes rules governing builders or developers that accept monies from the program, permissions of the Authority as it manages the programs, and repayment requirements to the Authority if a recipient sells a home before covering the amount the Authority provided to help with the initial purpose. It requires the Authority to adopt rules governing the forms, processes and criteria to be eligible for the program. It further establishes required reports that must be delivered to listed state officials and defines the information that must be in those reports. The bill was held in the Senate Finance Committee on Monday, the 17th.

HB2623 Campaign finance; candidate committee transfers

HB2623 would permit a candidate committee for a city or town candidate to transfer contributions to that same candidate's statewide or legislative campaign, provided the aggregate amount of contributions from any individual that are transferred do not exceed the legal contribution limitations of the office for which the candidate is running. It requires that any ordinance, rule, resolution or regulation a county, city or town adopts that mandates a candidate's financial disclosure also require the candidate or campaign disclosure also be accessible to the public on the county, city or town website. The bill was heard in the House Federalism, Military Affairs & Elections Committee and passed 4-0. It has been scheduled to be voted on today in the House.

Intergovernmental staff will begin reviewing all 892 bills introduced so far, and with the help of our different departments, we will begin monitoring those bills that, if voted on and signed into law, would impact your

community.

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

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